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5. *Philortyx personatus*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Differing from *P. fasciatus* Gould, in having the forehead, cheeks, and throat uniform black, instead of having these parts brown and white, respectively; bill light brown, instead of black (possibly darker in fully adult). Wing, 3.80; tail, 2.00; culmen, .42; tarsus, 1.00; middle toe, 92.

HABITAT. Chietla, State of Puebla.

DESCRIPTIONS OF TWO NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS
SUPPOSED TO BE FROM THE INTERIOR
OF VENEZUELA.

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

1. *Pyroderus masoni*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Most like *P. orenocensis* Lafr., but plumage much darker beneath, the throat and jugulum nearly uniform dark brownish red, the breast and abdomen dark brownish chestnut. (Type, No. 106,051, U. S. Nat. Mus.)

Dedicated to Professor Otis T. Mason, Curator of the Department of Ethnology, United States National Museum.

2. *Aulacorhamphus dimidiatus*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *A. atrogularis* (Sturm.), but with the bill very much shorter (culmen, 2.20-2.25), the gonys very little longer than the ramus of the lower mandible, instead of nearly twice as long, and the black stripe along edge of upper mandible much broader. (Type, No. 106,052, U. S. Nat. Mus.)

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF ELF OWL
FROM SOCORRO ISLAND, WESTERN MEXICO.

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

Micrathene graysoni, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *M. whitneyi* (Cooper), but much browner, the plumage entirely without any superficial gray, and the light rusty tail-